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The Honorable Warren E. Burger
The Chief Justice of the
United States
Washington, D.C. 20543

Dear Mr. Chief Justice:

As you know, representatives of this Department, together with representatives of the Central Intelligence Agency, the Department of Defense and the Administrative Office of the United States Courts, have drafted Security Procedures for the protection of classified information in the custody of the United States courts, under the provisions of the Classified Information Procedures Act of 1980, Pub. L. No. 96-456, 94 Stat. 2025.

This is to advise you that I have reviewed the final approved draft of these procedures, dated February 2, 1981, and that I agree that they may be issued.

Very truly yours,

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William French Smith
Attorney General

The Director of Central Intelligence

Washington, D. C. 20505

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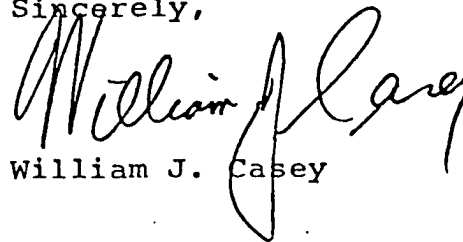
The Honorable Warren E. Burger
Chief Justice of the United States
United States Supreme Court Building
Washington, DC 20543

Dear Mr. Chief Justice:

During the past three months, members of our respective staffs and others in the Departments of Justice and Defense and the Administrative Office, United States Courts, have worked to develop security procedures called for by Section 9 of the Classified Information Procedures Act, P.L. 96-456, 94 Stat. 2025. Such procedures will provide for the protection against unauthorized disclosure of classified information in the custody of federal courts in criminal cases.

It is my understanding that the enclosed draft of such procedures has been forwarded to you for approval. I have reviewed this draft and concur in its provisions.

Sincerely,



William J. Casey

Enclosure
As stated



THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

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Honorable Warren E. Burger
Chief Justice of the
United States
The Supreme Court of the
United States
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Dear Mr. Chief Justice:

Over the past several months, representatives of this Department have worked closely with staff members representing the court in order to develop rules establishing security procedures for the protection of classified national security information in the custody of federal courts, as required by the Classified Information Procedures Act (P.L. 96-456, §9, 94 Stat. 2025 (1980)). I am very pleased with the interagency cooperation which resulted in a set of procedures which should improve the Executive Branch's ability to protect sensitive classified information from unauthorized disclosure while, at the same time, preserving the defendant's right to a fair trial.

I have reviewed the final draft of these procedures which I understand has received your personal approval. I concur in the proposed rules.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Joseph W. Harbo", is written below the word "Sincerely".

c.c. *Jan H. H. H.*